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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 19 June 2002.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-35 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-35 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) _____
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other:

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1. Claims 1-35 are presented for examination.

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 1-35 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) as being unpatentable over **Seeley et al. (Seeley)** patent no. **6,097,429**, in view of **Aggarwal et al. (Aggarwal)** patent no. **5,943,478**.

4. **Seeley** and **Aggarwal** were cited as prior art in the last office action.

5. As to claim 1, Seeley teaches the invention substantially as claimed, including a server (site control unit, SCU 12, figure 1, col. 7 lines 31-59) for making it possible for a remote client (operator from central station, figure 1, col. 7 lines 31-59) to control image sensing means via a network (ISDN figure 1) and for providing a transfer service to transfer video information, which has been captured by the image sensing means, to the client via said network, comprising:

input means for entering a request for information identifying the client to which the video information captured by said image sensing means is transferred (col. 9 lines 6-40).

However, Seeley does not explicitly teach notifying the information identifying the client.

Aggarwal teaches a user A logs in by contacting a Home Server (HS). The Home server notifies status of the user A to members that has the user A on their contact list (col. 2 lines 11-17; col. 5 lines 31-67).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the Data Processing art at the time of the invention to combine the teachings of Seeley and Aggarwal to notify whenever the client logs in the server because it would track and report the online status of the client.

6. As to claims 2-4, Seeley teaches said image sensing means is a camera and control of the image sensing means includes optical control and orientation control (col. 9 lines 6-40), and Seeley inherently teaches plurality of clients can receive video information via the network.

7. As to claims 5 and 7, Seeley teaches the invention substantially as claimed as discussed above; however, Seeley does not explicitly teach voice recognition and notification. Official Notice is taken that speech recognition and notification is well known. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the Data Processing art at the time

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of the invention to combine the well known teachings with Seeley's security system to allow user to use voice to input information and receive audio output because it would free user's hands from typing to perform some other tasks.

8. As to claim 6, Seeley teaches information reported includes user names (col. 9 lines 6-40).

9. Claims 8-35 have similar limitations as claims 1-7; therefore, they are rejected under the same rationale.

10. In the remarks, applicant argued in substance that

(A) Prior art does not teach entering a request for information identifying the client to which the video information captured by said image sensing means is transferred.

As to point (A), Seeley teaches an operator can establish a communication path using secure password mechanism and remotely request a visual verification of an alarm condition from a nearest camera controlled by a site control unit (SCU) to observe premises or scenes. (col. 9 lines 6-40).

11. Applicant's arguments filed on 06/19/2002 have been fully considered but they are not deemed to be persuasive.

12. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR RESPONSE TO THIS FINAL ACTION IS SET TO EXPIRE THREE MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS ACTION. IN THE EVENT A FIRST RESPONSE IS FILED WITHIN TWO MONTHS OF THE MAILING DATE OF THIS FINAL ACTION AND THE ADVISORY ACTION IS NOT MAILED UNTIL AFTER THE END OF THE THREE-MONTH SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD, THEN THE SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD WILL EXPIRE ON THE DATE THE ADVISORY ACTION IS MAILED, AND ANY EXTENSION FEE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) WILL BE CALCULATED FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THE ADVISORY ACTION. IN NO EVENT WILL THE STATUTORY PERIOD FOR RESPONSE EXPIRE LATER THAN SIX MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS FINAL ACTION.

13. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Le H. Luu, whose telephone number is (703) 305-9650. The examiner can normally be reached Monday through Friday from 7:00 AM to 4:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mark Rinehart, can be reached at (703) 305-4815. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 746-7240.

Any inquiry of a general nature of relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-9600.

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